

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: DAVID LIN et al.)
Filed: Herewith)
For: METHOD FOR PROCESSING A FILM)
Examiner: MAYES, M)
Group Unit: 1734)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after line 3, please add the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation application of, and claims the priority benefit of, U.S. application serial No. 09/342,416 filed on June 29, 1999, ^{now abandoned}

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 1-6 and 15-17 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please amend claims 7-10, 12-14, 18-20 and 23-24 as follows:

7. (Once Amended) A method for processing a film, comprising:
providing a film;

providing a buffer layer between the film and a transfer; and

performing an impression step to form a plurality of protuberant structures on the film, wherein the impression step is performed by a squeezer including an impresser and the transfer, the impresser having a plurality of grain projections formed thereon in a predetermined pattern for impressing the film placed between the impresser and the transfer so as to form protuberant structures on the film in an area corresponding to the predetermined pattern.